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SUMMARY. IN A PROCEDURE DESIGNED TO BE PRELIMINARY AND
TO NARROW THE FIELD OF CANDIDATES FOR THE POST OF
CHAIRMAN, CIVIL AND MILITARY BUDGET COMMITTEES, AN AD HOC
GROUP OF FINANCIAL COUNSELLORS GAVE PREFERENCE TO THE
UK AND GREEK CANDIDATES. THE PROCEDURE RESULTED IN A
20 PCT SEPARATION BETWEEN THE TWO REMAINING CANDIDATES
AND THE GREEK DELEGATE AGREED THAT RESULTS SHOULD BE
REPORTED TO DEPUTY SYG PANSA WITH A RECOMMENDATION FOR
THE APPOINTMENT OF UK CANDIDATE, DRAPER. ACTION
REQUESTED: US CONCURRENCE IN DRAPER'S APPOINTMENT. END
SUMMARY.

1. IN RESPONSE TO SYG REQUEST IN REFERENCED PO, FOUR
NATIONS SUBMITTED CANDIDATES FOR REPLACEMENT OF MR.
BATUK (TURKEY) AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CIVIL AND MILITARY
BUDGET COMMITTEES. ON 5 MAY, MR. MARTUCCI (ITALY),
DOYEN OF THE DELEGATION FINANCIAL COUNSELLORS, CALLED
MEETING TO CONDUCT PRELIMINARY SCREENING OF THE
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UK, CANADIAN, GREEK AND BELGIAN CANDIDATES.

2. AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSION HAD SHOWN THAT ALL
CANDIDATES WERE CONSIDERED TO HAVE REASONABLE
PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, THE CHAIRMAN ASKED FOR A
VOTE BY NATIONAL DELEGATIONS AS A METHOD TO NARROW THE
CHOICE TO THE TOP TWO CANDIDATES. IN VIEW OF OBJECTIONS

FROM MOST DELEGATIONS THAT NATIONAL POSITIONS WERE NOT KNOWN, THE GROUP DECIDED ON A SECRET VOTE IN WHICH EACH DELEGATION WOULD RATE THE FOUR CANDIDATES ON A POINT SYSTEM FROM ONE TO FOUR ON THREE QUALIFICATIONS: PROFESSIONAL, NATO BUDGET EXPERIENCE, AND NATIONAL TURN IN THE ROTATIONAL ORDER. THE CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED AN AGREEMENT BEFORE THE VOTE THAT ONLY THE TOP TWO CANDIDATES WOULD BE RETAINED FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION, AND THIS WAS ACCEPTED BY THE FOUR NATIONS HAVING SUBMITTED CANDIDATES.

3. THE RESULT OF THE VOTE GAVE DRAPER, UK, 121 POINTS; APOSTOLIDIS, GREECE, 102 POINTS; VAN DEN BRANDEN, BELGIUM, 94 POINTS; AND LEVY, CANADA, 87 POINTS. CANADIAN AND BELGIAN REPS AGREED THAT THEIR CANDIDATES HAD BEEN ELIMINATED. CHAIRMAN THEN SUGGESTED THAT IN VIEW OF THE 20 PCT SEPARATION BETWEEN THE UK AND GREEK CANDIDATES, IT APPEARED CERTAIN THAT MR. DRAPER WOULD BE SELECTED IN THE LONG RUN AND REQUESTED ACQUIESCENCE FROM THE GREEK REP. GREEK REP MADE GRACIOUS STATEMENT, THANKING HIS COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF APOSTOLIDIS, WHO IS CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF NATO'S BOARD OF AUDITORS, BUT WHO HAS HAD LITTLE NATO BUDGET EXPERIENCE, AND AGREED THAT THE CHAIRMAN COULD REPORT THE RESULTS OF THE VOTING TO DEPUTY SYG PANSALIS WITH A RECOMMENDATION THAT DRAPER BE NOMINATED.

4. AS A RESULT OF THE ABOVE, PANSALIS HAS NOW CIRCULATED A DRAFT PO WHICH WILL BE ISSUED BY THE SYG IF NO
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OBJECTIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY 1 JUNE. TEXT OF DRAFT PO FOLLOWS:
BEGIN TEXT.

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1. ON 16TH FEBRUARY 1977, I INFORMED PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES THAT MR. H. BATUK WOULD BE RELINQUISHING HIS DUTIES AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CIVIL AND MILITARY BUDGET COMMITTEES ON 31ST AUGUST 1977, AND INVITED DELEGATIONS TO PROPOSE NOMINATIONS FOR HIS SUCCESSOR.

2. FOUR CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO SUCCEED MR. BATUK:

COL. L. H. A. VAN DEN BRANDEN (BELGIUM)
MR. J. G. LEVY (CANADA)
MR. C. APOSTOLIDIS (GREECE)
MR. A. DRAPER (UNITED KINGDOM)

3. THE AD HOC GROUP OF FINANCIAL COUNSELLORS SET UP TO UNDERTAKE AN INITIAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THIS QUESTION CONSIDERED THAT, AS ALL CANDIDATES APPEARED QUALIFIED FOR THE POST IN PRINCIPLE, THEY WOULD BASE THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE CANDIDATES' EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF NATO BUDGETARY MATTERS AND TECHNIQUES, PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, AND ON THE PRINCIPLE OF ROTATION BETWEEN MEMBER COUNTRIES.

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4. THE FINANCIAL COUNSELLORS, AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, DECIDED THAT ALL THE CANDIDATES MET THE SELECTION CRITERIA, BUT FINALLY RECOMMENDED MR. A. DRAPER FOR THE POST.

5. I AM THEREFORE PLEASED TO RECOMMEND THAT MR. DRAPER BE NOMINATED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CIVIL AND MILITARY BUDGET COMMITTEES FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS FROM 1ST SEPTEMBER 1977.

6. THIS APPOINTMENT WILL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL IF NO OBJECTIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED WITHIN 15 DAYS. SIGNED JOSEPH M. A. H. LUNS.

END TEXT.

5. DRAPER IS CURRENTLY THE UK REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CIVIL BUDGET COMMITTEE AND THE SUPERVISOR OF THE UK REP TO THE MILITARY BUDGET COMMITTEE. HE ALSO REPRESENTS THE UK ON THE CCG (COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF GOVERNMENT BUDGET EXPERTS) AND THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE FINANCIAL

COMMITTEE. HE IS KNOWN TO BE BRIGHT AND REASONABLY
AGGRESSIVE AND WE BELIEVE HE COULD MAKE A USEFUL
CONTRIBUTION TO NATO'S BUDGET PROCESS WERE HE TO BE
APPOINTED CHAIRMAN.
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